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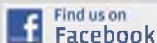
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More Character in Our Communities by Adam Conyers



Nelson Mandela is attributed with having said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." The time for students in our area to resume arming themselves with scholastic munitions with which to "change the world" is getting under way this month. If only equal emphasis were placed on teaching a discernment, appreciation and/or acknowledgement of the importance of wisdom and higher standards, or any standards at all where morality is concerned, for individuals and as a society when it comes to making changes. It seems we instead live in an "anything goes" time and society that had rather shout down anything adhering to even a mediocre moral value as archaic, oppressive, judgmental or prejudice and instead favoring the public adoption and implementation of any personal whim, debaucherous act and feel good ideology.

Another "shouting down" of standards that I've seen lately has been in the comments section of the plethora of political topics that daily invade my computer. It seems that any mention of "praying, God, Christian, or anything deemed biblical" is met with statements such as the following: "The United States is not a Theocracy, there's no place for your religious views in government." "Nothing that affects the population over all can be based upon any religion." Bear in mind that such statements are made by those with an atheological belief.

To clarify things a bit, let's look at some definitions. Theology is the study of religious faith, practice, and experience; especially the study of God and of God's relation to the world. Atheology is antagonism or opposition to theology; the study or profession of atheism. Theocracy is government of a state by immediate divine guidance or by officials who are regarded as divinely guided. One final bit of information in the following explanation regarding our system of government. "The United States is a constitutional republic; controlled by its Constitution, which sets forth the relative political power of the people, the federal government and the state governments. As a federal republic, the power ultimately sits with the people through their ability to elect their federal and state representatives. The federal government is restricted by the sharing of power with the states as delineated in the Constitution." With all of that being established, I submit for your consideration the following thoughts.

In the July 2013 issue of the Fair-Town Times I wrote the following about a person's religious beliefs: "How could a person's belief be of such significance in our community, state, or nation? Very simply, it establishes the boundaries and standards of one's conscience and his or her personal convictions for thoughts and actions." Given that, it is not possible to deny or dismiss that we are, even as a constitutional republic, governed by the religious convictions, or lack thereof, of we, the people, and those we elect and/or appoint to represent us. No, the United States is not a Theocracy, but I fear that we may someday find that we have allowed ourselves to become an Atheocracy. We do hold great power to influence and affect our communities, country and world. Contemplate the following words of Pope John Paul II. "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." Lead well in the home, as it could very well determine how the nation is lead in the future.



A Note From the Editor

Hope C. Parker

"Bringing Communities Together, One Issue at a Time, and We're still having fun!"

It is so hard to believe that school is actually starting back already. Where did the summer go? Oconee county schools start back on August 17th and Anderson county starts back on August 22nd.

Don't forget to get your students registered for the 2017-18 school year!! For schools in Oconee County, the dates and times can be viewed at:

<http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us>

I.E if you are going into grade 10 at West Oak High; your registration time is 9am - 11am on August 2nd which will be different days and times for each grade so be sure to check.

Just click on your school and check the August calendar.

If you attend an Anderson County school, go to:

<http://www.andersoncountysc.org/schools>

Click on your school / district and you should find your dates and times.

I.E. it looks like August 1st is registration for PHS

Also, with school starting we will have the school buses on the roads and likely some new drivers that received their licenses over the summer so please be careful and allow yourselves lots of time to get to work and school. We love our children, let's keep them safe!

If you have a student that drives to school, please be sure they allow themselves lots of time to drive without racing to get there because they overslept.



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Joel 2:28-32 (KJV)

²⁸And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: ²⁹And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. ³⁰And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. ³²And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Scriptures by Mrs. Ann Rogers



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8am to 11am

As always we accept donations up until the sale. You can call 864-287-4515 and I will unlock the building for your donations.

Thanks to P. J. Martin and her friends plus Angie Johnston, Kathy McAdams and ladies from Double Springs Baptist Church, we will have "Breakfast with Santa" again this year.

Save the date:

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 from 8am to 11am.



A LITTLE HISTORY BY ELAINE HUNT

John C. Harris was born in Oconee County near Townville on October 13th, 1947, received a common school education. His father, the late B. B. Harris, was a great grandson of General Andrew Pickens, the Revolutionary hero who lies buried at the Stone Church near Fort Hill.

Mr. Harris worked on his father's farm until towards the close of the war when he was drawn into service by the call that swept the Confederacy "from Cradle to the grave." He served until Johnson's surrender in a Calvary company of 17-year-olds commanded by Captain J. Doran Kay.

Returning home, he attended school at Townville a year or two and then engaged in regular farming. For several years, he superintended the farm of Hon. T. G. Clemson at Fort Hill. In 1882, he engaged in merchandising at Townville, which he followed several years successfully. Of late, he has devoted his time to farming exclusively. He runs his farm on scientific principles and the results is profitable crops and improved lands.

He is a believer in thoroughbred stock and has on his farm quite a number of Jersey cows. From six of these he markets 2,200 pounds of butter per year in round numbers and this he sells readily at 20 cents per pound. This is \$73 profit per head, for Mr. Harris estimates that the cost of keeping these cows is fully offset by the natural increase and the barnyard manure obtained. With the mild he fattens the meat used on is place largely so that it is clearly demonstrated that keeping registered cows pays.

Mr. Harris is the man about whose successful experience in raising hogs the *Charleston News and Courier* wrote chapters of commendation a year or so ago. He is one of a hundred who makes their farms self-supporting and has sounded the keynote of agricultural independence and supremacy.

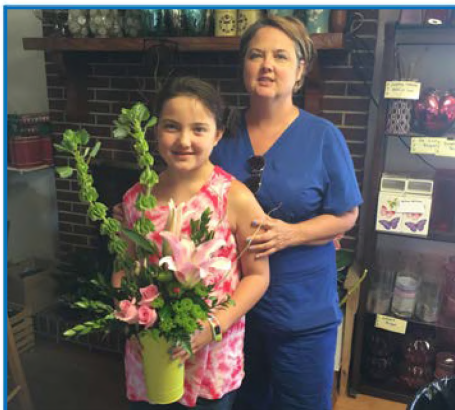
In state politics, he is a dyed in the wool reformer. Mr. Harris has been a ruling elder in the Townville Presbyterian Church for some twelve years and has the confidence and respect of all who know him. *The Anderson Intelligencer.*, September 30, 1896, Souvenir Edition



We found "The Ladybug"!



Melissa Millard of Westminster
was one of our lucky callers.
"Congratulations Melissa!"



McKenna and Michelle Marcengill of
Fair Play was our 2nd lucky winner.
"Congratulations!"



Sarah Spearman of Townville
was a lucky winner also.
"Congratulations Sarah!"



Last month contest was sponsored by Flowers by the Lake in Fair Play.
See page 9 to learn how you can be a lucky winner this month, sponsored by Palmetto Pizza.
See page 22 for their business ad.



POETRY TO THE EARS...



Anniversary: A Symbol Furled

By Jay Wright

Sadness joined pride
as the honor guard marched with precision
to the flag-draped casket
and lifted the symbol waist-high.
Hearts swelled as thirteen folds were made,
transforming it into the shape of the cocked hats
of colonial soldiers.
Fold one – for life itself; eighty-nine years.
Fold two – for his belief in eternal life.
Fold three – for six WWII missions.
Fold six – for his pledge to defend our freedom.
Fold nine – a tribute to women, mothers
who mold our country's character.
Fold ten – a tribute to men, fathers

who give sons and daughters to defend us.
Thirteen folds in all,
one for each original state.
Now folded and tucked,
it was ceremoniously presented to the family
for encasement in a display box.
A family memorial.

Dad left a world of memories
for family, friends, and church.
None comfort my life or bless my home
as much as that box
with gold stars singing of victory
atop a triangular canton of blue.

Hello from the team at Zone 7 Landscape Center!



August is the right time to prune many things in your landscape.
Prune! In August!?

Pruning increases density of young plants, so pruning your small, new plants may be more important than pruning older plants. Pruning encourages new growth. Plants that block windows on your house, grow out over sidewalks and driveways need pruning. However if your plant is not too large for the space, is full and dense...leave it alone! Every plant does not need to look like a meatball either.

While it may seem counter-intuitive to prune plants in the summer, it's the best time for a lot of your landscape plants. The theory of pruning once a year is not a good one...a better theory is: "Prune plants right after they bloom" is a better one. Here is a good partial list of plants that are common in many local landscapes.

Hydrangea macrophylla (Blue Mophead types) and Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf hydrangea) both can be pruned now. The flowers grow on old wood, so summer pruning assures new growth in the fall that will bear flowers next year. Cut back up to half way in August. Fertilize with slow release fertilizer and water.

Roses don't love the high heat of our summer and now is a good time to cut them back to encourage a great end of season bloom cycle. Feed and water deeply.

Perennials that look bad can be rejuvenated. I cut back my sun scalded Hosta every summer and they look great again in a month. Spent daylilies, coneflowers, and iris can be cut back. All will regrow with fresh new growth and some will rebloom for you. Feed and water deeply.

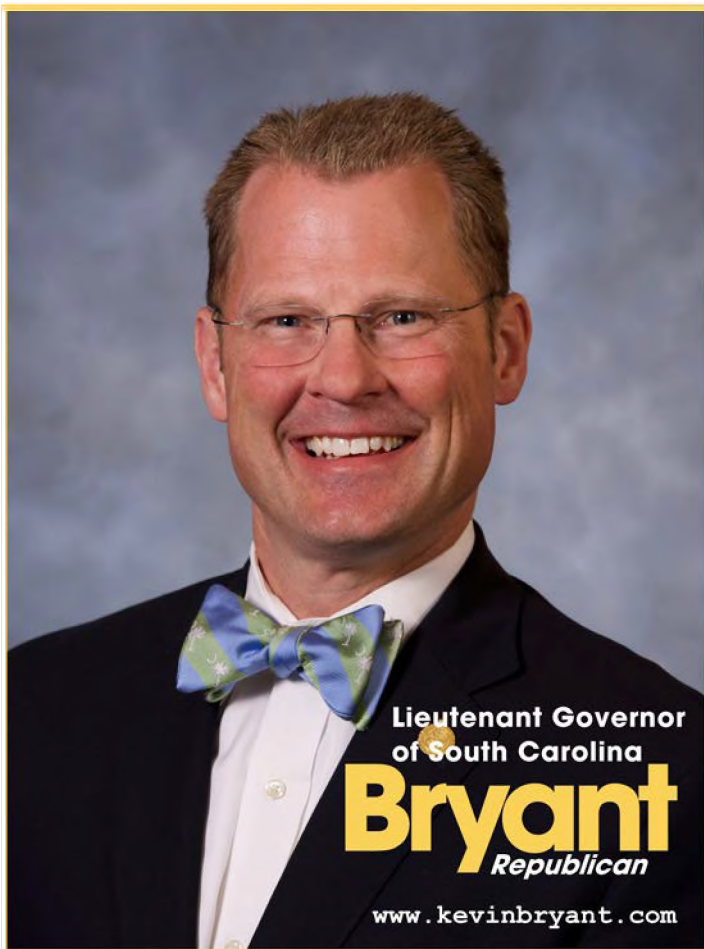
Loropetalum chinensis is commonly called Fringe-flower. The most common forms have deep plum colored leaves and bloom with bright fuchsia blooms in spring and fall. This plant grows rapidly and is often too large for the space it was given. NEVER prune this plant in the fall because the rapid new growth always gets frost burned. Prune in August. I've cut 12' tall Loropetalum back to 4' tall when needed. Normal pruning is "Up to 1/3 of the plant" at a time. Feed and water deeply.

Conifers can be pruned in summer. Gold mop cypress, junipers, Leyland cypress, arborvitae, etc... Can be shaped or cut back and expect a flush of new growth in a few weeks. Feed and water deeply.

Gardenia jasminoides can be summer pruned. Most are done blooming. Up to 1/3 of the plant can be cut back. Feed and water deeply.

August featured product is summer fertilizers for you landscape. When feeding your plants in the summer, use slow release types. The best are old fashioned farm by-product fertilizers. We sell a brand called Happy Frog. They offer types specifically for acid loving plants, general purpose, Japanese maples and garden formulas. Zero burn and long lasting slow feeding is perfect for your landscape and garden. Tell the clerk you read it in the Fair-Town Times and we will knock off 10%! August only.

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Veterinary News

By Kathy Jordan, DVM

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This month's behavior topic is on cats and inappropriate elimination (ie not using the litterbox). The first things to realize is that this is not due to spite or an attempt to harm their owner. So do not be angry or punish the cat – instead figure out what is causing the problem and focus on fixing it.

The most common cause we see is that the cat does not have a clean litterbox in a location that the cat is comfortable going to. The box should be scooped twice a day if you are having litterbox problems with your cat and it should be fully cleaned with new litter weekly. To make your cat comfortable with the box, you should have one box per cat plus one. This makes sure all of them can get to a clean box readily. Also have the boxes in more than one location. Sometimes a bully cat won't let a submissive cat come to the litterbox comfortably. Next, have several litter types available and don't change litter suddenly. You can even try dirt if your cat was originally an outdoor cat. Also make sure you didn't put the box in a location that is scary to the cat like near the washing machine (the sound it makes may scare some cats).

Once you've made sure you are providing multiple boxes with various litter types and are cleaning them very regularly, the next step is to check for medical problems your cat may have. Cats can commonly get a condition called feline lower urinary tract disease which is similar to interstitial cystitis in women. Basically the cat feels like he has a UTI though bacteria are rarely found. This can come and go. If the cat was having bladder pain when he urinated in his box, he will associate the box with pain. That can make him avoid the box. Actual UTI's can also occur as can bladder stones. Your vet will run a urine test, blood tests, and xrays to determine if there is a medical reason for these symptoms.

If all of this does not solve the elimination problem, then behavior management needs to be considered. Many cats who don't use the litterbox have underlying stress or separation anxiety. The behavioral management is way too involved to explain in one article as it has to be tailored to each individual cat. However, the basic premise is decreasing stress – this can be done through pheromones, prescription diet, and / or medications.

Please don't assume your cat is untreatable because he/she doesn't use his/her litterbox – instead work with your vet to figure out the cause.

WHERE IN THE WORLD.....IS THE FAIR-TOWN TIMES?



Left: Teresa Robinson Broome visited her friend of 42 years Crystal Brown Squires in New Ashford, MA

Right: The Jablonski family spent their summer vacation at Disney World! Noah (11) and Lucas (9) shared their issue of the Fair-Town Times with Mickey!



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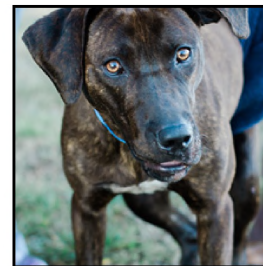
Registration will take place on
Tuesday, August 1st
in the TES gym.

The hours for registration will be
10:00am to 6:00pm.

You can find the listing of school
supplies on the Fair-Town Times
Facebook page.

School Starts on Tuesday,
August 22nd, 2017

CARE Adoption Pet Spotlight by Haley Carter , Intern - Crossroads Animal Clinic



Have you met Hunter? He is an extremely sweet Catahoula Leopard Dog mix who loves life. He enjoys playing with his foster siblings and gets along great with cats, dogs and all people. He loves affection and treats. He was brought to Crossroads Animal Rescue by a staff member of ours after being hit by a car. Due to his trauma, he is paralyzed in his back legs. He has a wheelchair that allows him to get around great! The perfect home for Hunter would be with a very committed family who will spend a lot of time caring for him. He has poor control of his bladder and bowels as a result of the trauma, so he needs to be adopted by special people who can manage all of his needs. Hunter's foster absolutely adores this sweet boy and would want nothing more than for him to find the best family! His adoption fee of \$125 includes his wheelchair and all veterinary care he has received thus far. He is current on all shots and heartworm and flea preventative. To adopt, visit www.crossroadsanimalrescue.org or call 864-972-9906.

We also have other horses, dogs, cats, kittens and puppies for adoption. All our adoptable pets are listed on our website, www.crossroadsanimalrescue.org. Our website also details how to adopt and how to foster, volunteer, or donate to help us save more pets.





TRAVEL BY GRETCHEN

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TRAVEL TIDBITS & DESTINATIONS

I have lots of information that I have been collecting for the August issue. Travel to Cuba is getting easier with stops being added to cruises. Other travel to Cuba is visaed as People-to-People and passports must be valid 6 months beyond your return to the USA. Insurance with coverage for Cuba is required. Cuba is a cash economy. Americans can bring \$400.00 in souvenirs and \$100 worth of cigars.

New Apple destination this year is Panama. Known for breathtaking attractions, exotic rainforests, and alluring beaches, Panama connects both North and South America.

Consider cruising on your own with your own sailboat and crew and explore the British Virgin Islands (BVI). Another destination is Tahiti on Paul Gauguin. Receive shipboard credits and an extraordinary value with round trip air included out of Los Angeles. Gauguin is returning to Fiji with their 2019 voyages.

Super Savings are being offered with Celtic Tours and CIE Tours up to \$800 per couple on selected 2017 tours to Ireland and Britain.

Crystal is adding Ft. Lauderdale and Charleston to their 2017 Caribbean Holiday cruise itinerary. Experience the World's Most Awarded Luxury Cruise Line where all-inclusive is all Exclusive.

This Fall is time to cruise along the coastline of Canada and New England where the deep blue sea and the brilliant colors of fall meet.

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If you would like to discuss these or any other destinations, you can contact me at 864-972-1796 or trvlbyg@aol.com. If you need assistance with planning your next vacation, let me know. You can find me on Facebook at Travel by Gretchen.

TRAVEL SAFE,

Gretchen Fuller



Drink Up, Grouchy!

The cells throughout your body must have water to function. They contain, and are surrounded by, water. In dehydration, cell membranes become less permeable, hampering the flow of hormones and nutrients into the cell and preventing waste products that cause cell damage from flowing out. When that's happening throughout your body, your energy is sapped, and fatigue and sour mood can take over.

How much water do you need? The most agreed-upon recommendation is six to eight 8-ounce glasses of water daily. This could change though, depending on the climate (such as our August weather) and the type of lifestyle you lead. Your brain is hugely dependent on fluid to function. All those synapses and neurons need liquid to fire properly. One of the most reliable predictors of decline in memory and mental performance is dehydration. And yet some polls estimate that upwards of 75 percent of Americans suffer from chronic dehydration. Mild dehydration interferes with brain processing and breaks down the ability to focus.

Just like sleep, water is one of the most essential needs of your body. In fact, since we're made up of so much water, it makes sense why we would constantly need it to replenish, cleanse and feed our system. Even a 2 percent drop in hydration can cause significant losses in strength and motivation while increasing feelings of fatigue. When we take in the right amount of water for bodies, our muscles become more relaxed, which increases energy and maximizes our performance.

Ever find yourself into the ice cream in your fridge late at night or taking a sampling of your kid's Goldfish, even though you know better? More often than not, hunger is mistaken for thirst. If you downed some water instead of that junk food, you would feel just as full. A new study involving more than 18,000 adults found that when people increased their daily water intake by one to three cups (on top of the four they drank on average), their food intake dropped by as much as 205 calories a day, a significant amount when it comes to weight control.

Even slight dehydration can start wrecking your mood. That's barely low enough to feel thirsty, and yet at that level of dehydration, the moods of those in a study soured and they were more likely to experience headaches and fatigue. So drink up. If you get tired of drinking good 'ole fashioned H2O, consider upping your game by making your 'brew' sparkling or flavored. Water with bubbles offers the same benefits of regular water, and added fruit can make the negative, tasteless sensation of water more interesting.

Article contributed by Christine Lizza, RN



VIETNAM VISIONS

Remembrance by G875
(continued from last month)

The gooks walked out into the opening in the center of the village. They were still laughing and joking. I didn't know whether to fire or not as we didn't know if there were more behind them. All of a sudden they stopped and looked around. I whispered, "Get ready to fire." The gooks just stood there and was looking around when I said, "Fire!" We all emptied a magazine apiece and all seven gooks were dead on the ground. I told Roberts and Banks to quickly check the bodies for any documents and collect their weapons. As they were collecting the weapons I radioed Sgt Weaver and informed him what the shooting was about and that we were heading back to his position as quickly as possible. Roberts and Banks returned to my position with seven AK-47 rifles and 2 pistols. They said there wasn't any documents on the gooks. As I was getting ready to tell them to move out I heard some yelling coming from the area where the gooks had just come from. I told my radio operator to inform Sgt Weaver that we heard yelling and there's a possibility we might have gooks chasing us as we get back to the platoon. We quickly moved from the hooch where we were back to the thick vegetation. We quickly entered the jungle and stopped and looked behind us to see if anyone had seen us. All of a sudden several gooks appeared where the bodies were and stopped and looked around. They were talking and several pointing in different directions. I whispered to be ready to move if they start toward us. I grabbed a grenade to throw if they started toward us. All of a sudden they moved quickly in the opposite direction, apparently thinking we had moved in that direction. I told my men to move out toward the platoon's position which was about 300 to 400 meters from us. I told Roberts to keep a steady eye on our rear to make sure no one was following us. We stopped several times to listen for any sounds coming from the direction of the village. In 20 minutes or so we reached the platoon and Sgt Weaver met us and after saying job well done for killing the gooks and getting their weapons, he said that there were 2 gun ships ready to blast the village and area when given the word that we were out of the area. He passed the word for everyone to get as low as possible and gave word for the gun ships to give them hell. After 30 minutes or so of strafing the village and surrounding area they informed Sgt Weaver they were returning to home base.

"Post-Traumatic Stress Injury isn't a disease. It's a wound to the soul that never heals."

To be continued.....



What's Cookin' With Willie Ann

QUICK BANANA BREAD

- 1 STICK OF MARGARINE
- 1 CUP LIGHT BROWN SUGAR
- 2 EGGS
- 1 1/2 CUPS SELF-RISING FLOUR
- 2 LARGE BANANAS
- 1 CUP CHOPPED NUTS, OPTIONAL

Cream the margarine and sugar until fluffy and add the eggs, one at a time. Peel and cut the bananas into thin slices. Add to mixture and add flour and blend well, stir in optional nuts. Pour into greased and floured loaf pan and bake for 45 - 50 minutes at 350°

ENJOY!



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What's happening down on the Farm?

by Marlene Willoughby

A & M Produce

515 Dairy Farm Rd., Fair Play

Hello there folks ! Hope all of you have been doing fine and having a great summer! Boy, the days this summer have flown by, but that's because we have been extremely busy. Business at the stand has been really great, thanks to all of you. We are so thankful for everyone that has come by this summer.

I have been continuously trying to keep things planted, so we don't run out. With all this heat it really has been a challenge, but we have been so thankful for all the rain this spring and summer. I believe this year we all will have plenty of hay. We have to cut the okra every other day and it sure is hard in this heat. We sell lots of okra. I have planted different amounts every year I have been on this farm and I have yet to have a pod left from one day to the next. People around these parts really love the stuff. But I do too. Any way you can fix it, it is good. The big tomato patch is about gone but we have 4 rows of late ones coming in. Planted more beans and they are just now starting to bloom. Hopefully we will have some more rain this week so it will help it along.

We have been going to the Foothills Heritage Market on Saturdays and it has really grown. Lots of people have been coming up there. This past Saturday there were guys selling gulf shrimp, and they sold some shrimp I tell you! Peaches and apples were there, too, from the Hollifield farm in Long Creek . Folks selling plants and Corva Bella Farm is selling heritage fresh pork, fresh eggs and breads. Folks from Toccoa, Ga. are selling Bar-B-Q and it is great. McPhails at Tokeena Farms are selling fresh Black Angus beef. And we have Crocheted Creations and Crafts. She makes beautiful things. There has been a fantastic crowd this summer and we are so thankful to all that has come.

Well I didn't get an article sent in last month, but I just couldn't get it done. I'm sorry for that. Just like I have a doctors appt. tomorrow and I'm going to have to cancel it, too . Things are just plain hectic this time of year. Chickens will soon be gone and we will be going back in fast this time, they say. So we will have to really get on the ball to be ready. The veggies still have to be gathered and the stand will still be open.

We just had our Farm Service meeting and we will be having another Disaster Relief Program for the drought like last year. So if you signed up last year you have until Jan. 30 2018. If you have not done anything and want to get signed up you have to do it before Nov. 2017. Just check and see early so you will not miss out. The office will be open for this on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Blake Badger will help you with this. The Ag building in Walhalla houses many agencies. There are loads of people up there that can help you in many ways. You do not have to be a big farmer or even a farmer at all for that matter. If you need help with gardening of any kind there are people up there to answer any questions you might have. 4 H folks are there and people to help you with your soil. Natural Resource people are there. Heather and Eddie and Jason can help you with your erosion problems. Farm Service Agency is there for the farmers. Clemson Extension Service is there. Morris Warner is our County Agent and he is a super guy; so helpful and very knowledgeable. So, go get acquainted with these folks up there. If you need even your soil to be sampled and sent off they can do that, too. That's what they are there for, to help. And if we don't use this office I am afraid it will be gone, too. The government is always looking for ways to cut spending and it's always on our side of the fence that gets cut first it seems. Well, guess that is all for this time.

Hope you all have great days ahead. Thanks for reading! Love you all!

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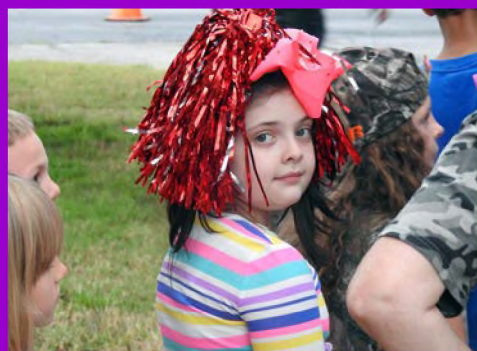
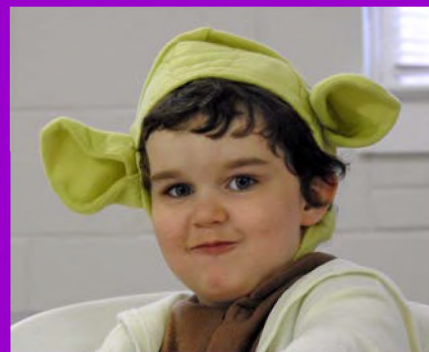
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My wife reminded me of a story the other day. Seems there was a farmer whose crop was far superior in every detail to his neighbors. The neighbor was so envious that he continually tried to degrade his successful neighbor even to the point of destroying his crops. The successful neighbor credited his fine crops to his favorite mule. One day the envious neighbor dug a deep hole and tricked the mule so that he fell into the hole. The envious neighbor shouted with delight and immediately started putting one load of dirt after another into the hole. His devious idea was to bury the mule. When the hole was almost filled, the envious neighbor was horrified to see the mule step out of the hole and safely head home. Seems every time the envious neighbor dumped a load of dirt into the hole, the mule would pack it down and stand on top of it waiting for another load. Finally, the smart mule was able to step safely out of the hole and head home.

Many times, your own life can be like this. There are things or individuals that seem bent on either destroying you or causing conflict in your life. Frequently there are those around you that are so envious of your success and life, they want to do everything they can to discredit you or belittle your accomplishments. A wise person takes each load of dirt thrown their way and turns it into another opportunity to stand firm in God's will.

Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV); "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law, day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

We should remember that whatever does not tear us down, makes us stronger.

Romans 5:3 (TLB); "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to be patient."



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Many spectators lined the parade route and gathered at the park. Free snow cones were enjoyed given by the sponsors and distributed by the Lizza's SNOW CONE truck.

Everyone enjoyed the morning even Mrs. Jensen and her decorated horse, Annie.

Those receiving the trophies in the parade are pictured below:



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Congratulations and Great Job Everyone!



The Oconee County Sheriff's Office Provides Information on New Vehicle Child Restraint Laws in South Carolina

With new legislation recently passed in Columbia by the South Carolina Legislature on new vehicle child restraint laws, the Oconee County Sheriff's Office is issuing this press release today in order to inform our citizens about changes in the law.

"The Sheriff's Office is responsible for keeping all of the citizens of Oconee County safe," says Oconee County Sheriff Mike Crenshaw. "Part of that responsibility is to inform and educate our citizens when changes in laws occurs that could affect them and their families and in the interest of full transparency, we wanted to pass this information along in order to help parents and children remain safe."

The law, which went into effect on May 19th of this year, covers six different areas:

In regards to rear facing car seats, the former law stated children from birth to age one weighing less than 20 pounds had to be in a rear facing seat. The new law states that children from birth to age two must be rear facing in a rear passenger seat until the child exceeds the height or weight limit of the child's rear facing car seat.

Secondly, the old law stated that a child ages one to six weighing between 20 and 40 pounds could be in a forward facing seat with a harness. The new law states that a child at least two years of age or a child under age two who has outgrown their rear facing seat needs to be secured in a forward-facing car seat in a rear passenger seat. The new law also notes that a child should not move forward to a booster seat until they exceed the height or weight of their forward-facing seat, however, this can occur at different ages for children. Remember the term "fit" drives the decision, not the age of the child.

In regards to booster seats, the old law states that a child ages one to six weighing between 40 to 80 pounds can be in a booster seat. The new law states that a child at least four years of age who has outgrown their forward-facing seat needs to be secured in a rear passenger seat until they can meet the height and fit requirements for an adult safety seat belt.

Fourth, under the old law, children ages one to six who weighs more than 80 pounds could wear a seat belt. Under the new law, a child at least 8 years of age or who is at least 4'9" tall may be restrained with a seat belt if the lap belt fits across the child's thighs and hips, not across the abdomen; the shoulder belt crosses the center of the child's chest and not the neck; and the child is able to sit with his or her back against the seat without slouching.

In regards to riding in a front seat, the previous law stated that a child must be age six or older in the front seat unless the car had no rear passenger seat or the rear passenger seat fully occupied by children under the age of six. The new law states that only a child who is capable of meeting the fit requirements for an adult seat belt can sit in the front seat. There is an exception for vehicles with no rear passenger seat or vehicles whose rear passenger seating is occupied by children under the age of eight.

There are two special exceptions. First, for medical reasons that are substantiated with written documentation from the child's physician, advanced nurse practitioner or physician assistant, a child who is unable to be transported in a standard child passenger safety restraint system may be transported in a standard child passenger safety restraint system designed for his medical needs. Also, any portion of a recreational vehicle that is equipped with temporary living quarters shall be considered a rear passenger seat.

"On June 1st, the Sheriff's Office issued a citation against an individual who was arrested for reckless driving in regards to a child passenger restraint violation," continues Sheriff Crenshaw. "There was a three year old, according to our deputy, in the floor board of the cab of the pickup and two juveniles were located in the bed of the pickup, which was a Dodge Ram 1500 pickup. The Sheriff's Office will issue citations to individuals who do not have children properly restrained in their vehicles according to the law. The safety of all our citizens is our utmost priority."



Abortion Funding: A Single Penny is a Penny Too Much

Imagine someone murdering little children and then joking about how they did it. Well that is exactly what attendees of the 2014 and 2015 National Abortion Federation conventions did in an alleged video that has recently surfaced. The content of their conversations is shocking, disgusting, and repellent to me and millions of Americans.

In this video, a Planned Parenthood employee says that an unborn child "is a tough little object" and "very difficult" to dismember. An ACLU lawyer complained about the difficulty of breaking a tiny skull--and the audience laughed. And a Planned Parenthood official discussed the sale of the tissue of these murdered children by saying, "the truth is that some might want to do it ... to increase their revenues. And we can't stop them."

I hate what these people do to children, and their vocabulary reflects their total desensitization to the miracle of human life. I pray that someday God will touch their hearts and children will be saved, but until then, I will fight them at every turn.

The truth is that abortion facilities in our state, including Planned Parenthood, receive your money. Planned Parenthood alone received almost \$360,000 from the taxpayer between 2011 and 2016. That money, your money, enhanced their ability to take innocent, young lives.

In South Carolina, abortion providers, like Planned Parenthood, have potential access to three sources of taxpayer funds

The first is Medicaid Title X sub-grants. The second is funds through Medicaid reimbursements for health services supplied by abortion providers. For example, from 2011-2015 South Carolina Medicaid paid for 29 abortions. Similarly, the third source of funding comes from reimbursements from the state employee health plan which has reimbursed providers for 11 abortions since 2011.

I cannot tolerate your taxpayer dollars facilitating the murder of children. A single penny for any service is a penny too much to fund an abortion provider because regardless of the service, funding to these providers supports abortion. We can stop it in South Carolina, and that should be the priority for all of us.

Kevin L. Bryant became the 92nd Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina on January 25, 2017 after serving in the South Carolina Senate from 2005 to 2017. He can be reached at: ltgov@scstatehouse.gov



Computer Tips from Tom King Townville Computer Repairs 864-287-1511

I've always found it real handy to be able to access all my computer's files, as well as my user files (Documents, Pictures, Music etc.) right from the desktop. And you can create "shortcuts" on your desktop to do just that. Just right click in any blank area on the desktop, and left click Personalize. Then click "Change desktop icons" in the upper left area. Place a check next to "Computer" and "User's files" click Apply, then OK, and the new shortcuts are now on your desktop. In Windows 10, you'll have to click Personalize – Themes – and then Change desktop icons (good ol' Windows 10 – like chewing gum with your teeth out).

Every version of Windows always needs a major overhaul or two, called a "Service Pack". XP needed three Service Pack updates, Vista two, Windows 7 one. If you didn't install all Service Packs through Windows Update, you would no longer get the latest updates. When folks started complaining about missing different functions using Windows 8, Microsoft provided an "Upgrade", called 8.1. Although they called it an Upgrade, 8.1 is really a Service Pack, like all the previous Windows versions, so needs to be installed. Easiest way to check for any Windows 8 users reading this is by moving your pointer over to the far right of the desktop, and when the menu appears (called a "Smart Menu"), click on Start. Then click the Store icon. If you see in the upper left that 8.1 is available, be sure to agree to it and do the upgrade.

Been through a lot of change since I arrived here in the Upstate nine or so years ago. Plenty of good changes for sure, and great new friends, and also lost some of those new friends along the way. Still wonder whatever happened to that huge wheel of Hoop Cheese Mr. Durham had in his fridge in the back. Buried my Dad over at Townville Baptist Church, and took in my Alzheimer's Mom. And got older. Old enough, be darned, that I could retire. And so I have. Took down my sign, and as of now, Townville Computer Repairs is closed. And sure am grateful for all the support and business I have received along the way. Will still try to be helpful for sure, so folks can call me at 864 287-1511 or email me at tom@townvillecomputers.com if they have any questions I can help with. And if y'all don't mind, I'd like to continue writing these monthly articles.

"Yes, Tom, we'd love you to continue your articles!"



**OM
BY
JOY HOWARD - RUNNER**

Yoga is too weird. Yoga is too new-agey, and not a good enough workout, and I can't do it because I am not flexible enough. Sitting around with your legs criss-cross-applesauce humming "Ooommm" is awkward. If anyone sees me doing it, they'll laugh their heads off at me. When I workout, I want to work, not be all yawny and stretchy.

Those were all the lines and excuses I gave to people over the years who tried to convince me to try yoga. I resisted and resisted until, in 2007, I developed a knee injury that prevented me from running. Around the same time, I ran across some blurb on TV about Jennifer Anniston loving something called Power Yoga—something she did for about 10 minutes per day. I thought I had won the fitness lottery: look like Jennifer Anniston with no more commitment than just 10 minutes per day?! Sign me up! But when I searched for Power Yoga, the best I could find was a DVD with 3 workouts on it that were 50-60 minutes each. With great skepticism, I ordered the DVD. I read that it is best to watch through the entire workout before attempting it and, while I can't dispute the wisdom in that advice, as far as preparing you for the workout, in a way, it was a huge mistake. It was a mistake in the sense that watching what a rollercoaster is going to do to you is a mistake. I love rollercoasters, but if I look at them before I get on, they seem impossibly scary, and I sometimes have a hard time boarding. I have found that if I just get on with no knowledge of what is to come, it is all a big, fun thrill, and over before I know it. Some of the stuff they were doing in that video looked impossible. I thought someone must have removed those people's bones, to let them twist and fold and contort like that. With my yogic skepticism at an all-time high, I unrolled my new mat and started doing the things the instructor, Bryan Kest, said. Miracle of miracles, I was able to do the entire first workout, including the human pretzel parts, which I had anticipated having to sit out. If I had tried getting into those poses each on their own, without his constructing the architecture of them through the series of poses, it never would have happened.

I learned something about yoga I had certainly never understood, but which Bryan kept reiterating: "yoga is not about being loose or strong, yoga is about being alive." He kept saying to stay out of your ego and only go as deep into any pose as you can go. As you continue to practice, your levels of strength and flexibility will improve. I was impressed with myself for getting through that first workout, but the undeniable thing when I finished was how utterly amazing I felt. He was so right, "Through the wisdom of the poses, we enliven the whole body." After completing an all-out running workout, you are depleted. There is a wonderful sense of accomplishment and the exhaustion is the well-earned, euphoric kind, but you don't have energy for much else. After an all-you-can-do yoga practice, you finish and feel invigorated, like you could conquer the world. I was hooked.

A full decade later, I have a drawer full of yoga DVDs. I have been to several of Bryan Kest's yoga workshops. I go to hot yoga whenever I find someone to come along. I prefer the more athletic type practice that power yoga provides, but I do have a couple of the gentler (heretofore dubbed "yawny-stretchy") types. I have had to replace my original Bryan Kest DVD several times, having simply worn it out. My yoga mat has worn areas where my hands and feet have gripped it repeatedly. Yoga may be weird and new-agey, but it is definitely a good enough workout. The second and third workouts on my DVD still give me quite a challenge, and I simply can't do one pose, so I don't. And, while many other instructors have, Bryan has never told me to sit criss-cross-applesauce and say "oommm."

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Also, we will no longer meet weekly, but rather on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, beginning in July.

We try to get speakers who are local business people, representatives of local service groups, or people who have an impact on our community. Are you willing to speak to our club? Please let us know. The backbone of our club is service to the community of Fair Play and neighboring areas. Come see what we do. Questions? Call 864-650-8480.

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The Sandifer Update: Balanced budget and new laws

By Rep. Bill Sandifer

After a very productive legislative session, it is nice to be home in Seneca during the summer months. I continue to spend time at the Statehouse in Columbia, with committee hearings and important meetings. But summer means I get to enjoy this lovely area more.

This year saw a number of new and important pieces of legislation pass than I can share in this month's column. I shared information about some important new laws last month too and I will continue to share more next month—2017 was a busy and productive session! My goal is to keep you up-to-date on the changes that impact you and your family. Here are a few highlights from a handful of the new laws:

- **Animal and human protection.** We passed a law imposing restrictions on the ownership of large wild cats, non-native bears and great apes as a means of furthering conservation efforts for the welfare of vulnerable, threatened and endangered species. We wanted to protect both the animals and the public against the potential safety risks posed by holding these kinds of animals in captivity.
- **Night hunting.** We made provisions to reduce the populations of some destructive animals, by allowing for a night hunting program for coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs.
- **Child safety.** We updated the age, weight, size and position requirements for child safety seats, keeping kids safe while traveling.
- **Food safety.** The new South Carolina Product Safety Act gives the SC Department of Agriculture authority to oversee new federal safety standards for certain produce items.
- **Crime victim support.** We consolidated the state's various crime victim services and funds in a division of the Attorney General's office. The SC Crime Victim Services Act makes it easier for crime victims to get the support they need.

Another critical piece of information to share is an update on the state budget, which determines how your hard-earned tax dollars are used. Because we operate on a balanced budget, our state is required to not commit to spend more than we bring in annually. Often, House members and Senators are called back to Columbia to re-vote on budget items that have received a veto from the governor. The good news this year is that Gov. McMaster vetoed a very small percentage of the items in our proposed \$8 billion state budget, so we are able to vote on those vetoes when we return to Columbia in January, a move that will save taxpayer dollars. As always, it is critical to point out that we do tuck away the maximum amount allowed in a reserve account, to be used for rainy days.

This year's budget includes an increase of roughly \$140 million in funding to our K-12 schools, as well as an additional \$10 million for our state's colleges and universities. In addition, we are investing \$68 million in Hurricane Matthew cleanup, \$150 million for our state's underfunded pension system and \$25 million to cover state employees' health insurance increases.

If you'd like to see the detailed budget summary, it's online at SCStatehouse.gov.

It is such a joy to be home more this time of year, especially as it allows me to see so many of you around town. It is my great privilege and honor to serve you—thank you. My door is always open.

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I have a friend that lives in the world's smallest continent, Australia. I asked him for some jokes about it, Soooooooo he sent me some.

Q. Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen it rain on TV, so how do the plants grow?

A. We import all plants fully grown and then sit around watching them die.

Do you know the difference between an Australian and a computer?

You only have to punch information into a computer once.

Ricky decides to go back home to Melbourne so he calls Qantas Airlines to book his flight.

The operator asks him, 'How many people are flying with you?'

Ricky replies, 'Strewth (Gods truth) mate, how would I know. It's your plane.'

Q. Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street?

A. Depends how much you've been drinking.

What should you do if an Aussie throws a grenade at you?

A. Pull the pin and throw it back.

Q. How do you know a blonde has been using the computer?

A. There is cheese in front of the mouse.

Q. What do you call an Aussie who scores well on an IQ test?

A. A cheat

Bruce went to the police station and asked to speak to the burglar who had broken into his house the previous night.

'You'll get your chance in court,' the desk Sergeant Kelly told him.

'I have to know how he got into the house without waking my wife,' pleaded Bruce. 'I've been trying to do that for years.'

Randy, a Texan farmer goes to Australia for a vacation. There he meets Glen, an Aussie farmer and gets talking. The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says, 'Oh yeah. We have wheat fields that are at least twice as large.'

Then they walk around the ranch a little, and then Glen shows off his herd of cattle. Then Randy immediately says, 'We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows.' The conversation has, meanwhile, almost died when the Texan sees a herd of kangaroos hopping through the field and so he asks, 'And what are those?'

'Randy', the Aussie replies with an incredulous look, 'Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas?'

Q. How many Australian men does it take to change a light bulb?

A. None. It's a woman's job.



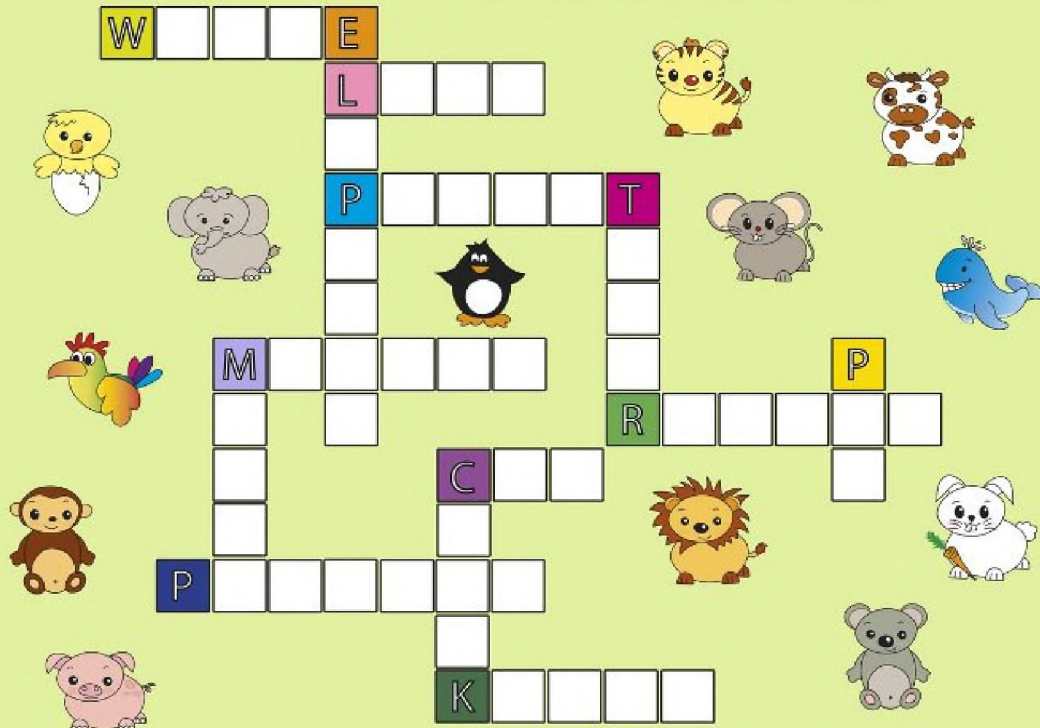
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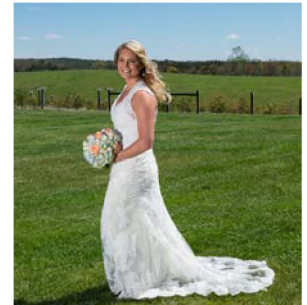


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